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Friends,

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Happy Independence Day!

Before yesterday's Governor & Council meeting we were briefed by the state Insurance Department about success in expanding the network of health care providers on the ACA 'Exchange' marketplace for individual and small group plans. According to their update, every hospital in the state will now be covered by at least 3 plan options beginning next year. That is welcome progress after the concerns many of us raised about the inappropriately narrow network this year.

Additionally, the NHhealthcost.org website is now live, giving consumers and employers a way to see the typical cost of medical procedures at different facilities across the state (for example, a minor ER visit can range from \$97 to \$768 depending on location). This transparency is an important tool to help drive down costs and increase competition; currently 40+ procedures are listed but this will be expanded 4-5x in the coming year, with additional data added about quality of care as well.

At the meeting itself, the Council approved a number of regional projects and several with statewide impact (for full details on any of these listed here, see the next section below):

IN CENTRAL NH: Sale of the old NH Employment Security building (32 Main St) to the City of Concord; a contract to increase awareness of Medicare beneficiaries in Merrimack Co; English as a Second Language classes to refugees in Concord; and replacement of the red list bridge carrying Rt. 3A over I-83 at exit 12 in Concord.

IN MONADNOCK & WESTERN NH: Roof replacements on four buildings at Chesterfield Gorge and Pisgah State Park; and coordinated transportation services for elderly and persons with disabilities in the Monadnock region, public transportation in Charlestown; and public transportation in Keene.

NOTE: In order to replace the bridge over Bowers Brook on Rt 123A in Acworth, I am searching for local citizens to serve on a three-member Highway Layout Commission and hold a public hearing in the fall. This work includes a \$50/day per diem for a short period of time, and reimburses any applicable mileage costs you incur. If you are interested, please email me.

IN STRAFFORD CO: State guarantee for a loan to support job creation by Simple Life Recycling in Rochester; coordination of a statewide leadership team of people with developmental disabilities by Kathleen Bates of Somersworth; and a request to perform oceanfront construction in Dover.

STATEWIDE: Renewal of travel & tourism research by Plymouth State University.

APPOINTMENTS: See below

The next meeting is on Wednesday July 16 in Hanover, NH. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let me know via email at cvanostern@nh.gov or by calling me at (603) 290-5848.

Sincerely,
Colin
Executive Councilor, District 2

[Full July 2 Agenda here](#)
(or follow the links below for documentation of each item)

FULL INFORMATION

1. DETAIL: CENTRAL NH

[#20](#) Authorize to sell the NHES property located at 32-34 South Main Street, Concord, NH to the City of Concord for \$1,575,000 plus an assessed administrative fee of \$1,100.

[#32](#) Authorize to enter into an agreement with Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties Inc., Concord, NH, for the provision of building the capacity for the NH's Senior Medicare Patrol Program, by increasing the awareness and knowledge of Medicare beneficiaries so they become well informed health care consumers, in an amount not to exceed \$150,824. Effective upon G&C approval through September 29, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#54](#) Authorize to grant funds to Lutheran Community Services, Concord, NH, in the amount not to exceed \$159,057 to provide English as a Second Language classes to refugees in the Concord and Laconia communities, and authorize unencumbered payment of said grant with internal accounting. Effective July 1, 2014 or upon G&C approval, whichever is later, through June 30, 2015. **40% Federal, 60% General Funds.**

[#66](#) Authorize the Bureau of Rail & Transit to amend an agreement with Community Action Programs Belknap-Merrimack Counties Inc., Concord, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6-5-13, item #227), for public transportation services in Concord and Laconia areas, by increasing the amount by \$83,115 from \$1,384,588 to \$1,467,703. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#68](#) Authorize the Bureau of Construction to enter into a contract with R.S. Audley Inc., Bow, NH, for replacing the existing red list bridge that carries NH Route 3A over Interstate 93 at Exit 12 in Concord, on the basis of a low bid of \$5,844,689.91. (2) Further authorize a contingency in the amount of \$292,234.50 for payment of latent conditions which may appear during the construction of the project. Effective upon G&C approval through June 10, 2016. **100% Turnpike Funds.**

2. DETAIL: MONADNOCK REGION

[#38](#) Authorize the Division of Parks and Recreation to enter into a contract with G.L. A Plus Exteriors, Milton, NH, for roofing replacements on three buildings at Chesterfield Gorge and one building at

Pisgah State Park, in the amount of \$17,000. Effective upon G&C approval through August 29, 2014. **100% Capital Funds.**

[#64](#) Authorize the Bureau of Rail & Transit to amend a **sole source** contract with Contoocook Valley Transportation Company, Peterborough, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6-5-13, item #232), for coordinated transportation services for elderly persons and persons with disabilities, by increasing the amount by \$48,612 from \$48,612 to \$97,224. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#65](#) Authorize the Bureau of Rail & Transit to amend an agreement with Community Alliance of Human Services Inc., Claremont, NH, (originally approved by G&C on 6-5-13, item #223), for public transportation services in the Claremont, Newport and Charlestown area, by increasing the amount by \$9,033 from \$498,228 to \$507,261. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#67](#) Authorize the Bureau of Rail & Transit to amend an agreement with VNA@HCS Inc., Keene, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6-5-13, item #225), for public transportation services in the City of Keene, by increasing the amount by \$10,599 from \$531,138 to \$541,737. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds.**

3. DETAIL: STRAFFORD COUNTY

[#1](#) Authorize to hold a Public Hearing to approve an award of a State Guarantee under RSA 162-A:13-a with respect to a loan from Georgetown Bank to Simple Life Recycling, LLC located in Rochester, New Hampshire. Action will authorize a Resolution under RSA 162-A:18 to determine the financing will serve a public use, provide public benefit and is within the policy and authority of the Act.

[#13](#) Authorize to enter into an agreement with Kathleen Bates, Somersworth, NH, to coordinate and facilitate a statewide leadership team of people with developmental disabilities, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2016. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#50](#) Authorize Jennifer/Michael Novelli's request to perform work on the Atlantic Ocean in Dover.

4. STATEWIDE PROJECTS AND POLICIES

[#37](#) Authorize the Division of Travel and Tourism Development to renew a contract with Plymouth State University, Institute for NH Studies, Plymouth, NH, (originally approved by G&C on 7-11-12, item #52), for research services in the amount of \$200,000. Effective July 2, 2014 through June 30, 2016, with the option to renew for one two-year period. **100% General Funds.**

5. DETAIL: APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS

(* = District 2 Resident)

New Nominations by Governor Hassan:

Deputy Adjutant General

Carolyn J. Protzmann, South Berwick, ME

State Committee on Aging

Edwin C. Engborg, Ashland, NH

State Apprenticeship Advisory Council

Jonathan R. Mitchell, Dover, NH*

Board of Barbering, Cosmetology and Esthetics

Deborah A. Robinson, Merrimack, NH

Board of Dental Examiners

Nilfa E. Collins, Hudson, NH

Arthur D. McKibbin, Enfield, NH

Board of Land Surveyors

Tracey T. Sweeney, Pembroke, NH*

Manufactured Housing Installation Standards Board

Robert H. Wentworth, Raymond, NH

Confirmed by the Council:

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Commission

Martin P. Boldin, Concord, NH*

Board of Dental Examiners

Ellen M. Legg, Portsmouth, NH

Health and Education Facilities Authority

Bruce R. Burns, Hopkinton, NH*

Mount Washington Commission

Paul T. Fitzgerald, Laconia, NH

NH Retirement System Board of Trustees

Dean Crombie, Somersworth, NH*

J. David McCrillis, Newport, NH

George A. Walker, Nashua, NH

Volunteer NH

Maria Devlin (White), Merrimack, NH

Advisory Council on Worker's Compensation

Eileen Bernard, Hooksett, NH

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